

## CANNON'S THUNDER ENDS INAUGURATION

Two Hundred Students Parade  
With Torches to Honor  
President Hill.

### FIRST CELEBRATION OF KIND

Cornell Club Takes Part in  
Cheering and Singing With  
Undergraduates.

Charred sticks and discarded cans of all sizes and shapes, scattered about the University of Missouri campus, recall vividly the closing "stunt" of the inauguration ceremonies, the first torchlight parade ever held by the students of the University of Missouri, Friday evening, in which 200 students carrying flaming torches, and witnesses to the spectacle, crowded upon the lawn in front of President A. Ross Hill's house, and listened to talks by both President Hill and Dr. J. G. Schurman, president of Cornell University.

The parade started at 8:30 p. m. from the rear of Academic Hall, where "rations" of coal oil were distributed to those carrying torches. The paraders brought torches of every size and degree, from a tiny coal oil lamp to a blazing broom, which showered sparks upon the holder and those near him.

#### Girls Cheer Paraders.

A six-foot sapling, at the end of which a small flame was flickering, and a tomato can held in the hand of a student furnished the long and short of it. Another carried a campaign torch, which he affirmed had been in a parade previous to the election of Cleveland—and looked it. Some of the torches did not burn very long, much to the disgust of their owners. No girls took an active part in the parade, but they encouraged the boys from the "side-lines."

From Academic Hall the torch-bearers marched to the are-light pole at the far end of the "quad," and around the columns, where yells were given. At intervals the booming of the cannon sounded, until eight had been tolled. Dr. Hill is the eighth president of the University.

#### Blazing M on "Quad."

After singing "Old Missouri," a large M of blazing torches stretching nearly across the "quad" was formed. The spectators greeted the spectacle with cheers. Then all hurried to President Hill's house, who welcomed the paraders in a short speech of thanks. Mrs. Hill stepped out upon the porch, and the students after giving nine yells for the President, tried to repeat "Mrs. Hill" three times at the end of another nine yells, but were forced to turn the attempt into one long cheer.

President Schurman, who was a guest at the reception given by President and Mrs. Hill, then in progress, stepped outside to see the parade, and was greeted with cheers. The Cornell yell was given by members of the Cornell Club, who were present. President Schurman made a short speech explaining what a "good time" he had enjoyed as a guest of the University. The ceremonies closed with the singing of "Old Missouri," and the Cornell Alma Mater sung by the Cornell Club.

This was the close of inauguration exercises which began Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock with the formation of a cap and gown parade.

### STUDENTS DEMAND COACH BE RETAINED

Oklahoma "Aggies" Protest Against  
Discharge of Parry.

STILLWATER, Okla., Dec. 14.—Five hundred students of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College have adopted a resolution demanding the re-instatement of Coach Parry of the football team, who was discharged last Saturday by the State Board of Agriculture for alleged abuse of the board's regulations. The students threatened to strike and President J. H. Connell appealed them by calling a special meeting of the Board of Agriculture for Monday.

Parry was a star tackle on the Chicago University football team for four years. He is charged with permitting Benjamin Guber, a student, to play on the Stillwater team after Guber had been dismissed from his classes.

Presbyterian Students' Home.  
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—It was announced at the meeting of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church here that the secretary, the Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Cochran, will depart Friday for a two weeks' campaign in Kansas with the object of raising a \$30,000 endowment for the Presbyterian students' headquarters called "Westminster House," which is about to be built near the campus of the University of Kansas, in Lawrence, Kan.

### CLUB VISITS LIBRARY AT STEPHENS COLLEGE

Miss Wadsworth, Shakespeare Scholar,  
Presents Book to University.

The Columbia library club met last Wednesday night in the parlors of Stephens College. Miss Florence Whittier, librarian of the free public library of Sedalia, spoke on the libraries of San Francisco at the time of the earthquake. Miss Whittier was head cataloguer in the Mercantile library at the time. The Mercantile, the Public and several other libraries were totally destroyed. One branch of the Public library, a large proportion of the Sutor library and the Bancroft Collection escaped destruction. The Bancroft library has since been acquired by the University of California and transferred thither.

F. A. Sampson, Secretary of the State Historical Society, presented the subject of some Missouri magazines that have ceased publication. The club then visited the library of Stephens College which contains several hundred volumes. In this collection is the nucleus of a Shakespeare collection, secured by Miss Mary A. Wadsworth, Shakespeare scholar and lecturer, who is connected with Stephens College. William J. Rolfe, an editor of Shakespeare's works, gave Miss Wadsworth a letter of introduction to his publishers. Upon her solicitation the publishers presented to the library of Stephens College a complete set of Dr. Rolfe's works, about forty volumes. Miss Wadsworth was the first to write on "Shakespeare and Prayer." Her book is now in the second edition and is dedicated to "William J. Rolfe, My Master, Philosopher and Friend." A copy of the book has just been presented to the University library by the author.

### WITHOUT STOOPING, "Q" CLUB CONQUERS

Comedy is Pleasing Presented in  
University Auditorium.

The "Q" Club of the University of Missouri gave a creditable presentation of Goldsmith's comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer," in the University auditorium Saturday evening.

Walter Ben Hare was director of the play and had the role of "Tony Lumpkin," a bumptious young English squire. Mr. Hare was broadly funny, but his comedy was marred by too frequent use of the word "damn." Miss Linda Crowdon was a winsome "Kate Hardcastle," who stooped to conquer. Her interpretation of the part was modeled on that of Ellis Jeffreys, who played the role of the heroine in a revival of play last year.

Miss Faith Bonfoey, as "Mrs. Hardcastle," a doting mother, played her part excellently, as did Miss Mildred Bell as "Constance Neville." The girls in the play won greater favor with the audience than the men, though the latter filled their parts acceptably.

The girls' chorus, which gave several numbers from "When Congress Comes to Princeton," between acts, was encored repeatedly. "Elope with Me" and "My Lotus Flower" were particularly pleasing. Miss Myrtle Parker sang in a sweet soprano voice.

### THWARTS THEFT OF \$20,000

Fireman of Great Northern Foils Three  
Train Robbers.

By United Press.  
SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 14.—By his presence of mind fireman Perrine of a Great Northern train yesterday foiled three robbers, who held up the train and ordered Perrine to uncouple the mail and express cars.

In the darkness Perrine left the express car attached to the train and then ran the baggage mail car a mile ahead, where the robbers looted it. The express car contained \$20,000 in cash.

## BELL'S AERODROME IS READY TO FLY

Motor Boats Will Follow  
Flight of the Cygnet  
Over Lake.

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Dec. 14.—Dr.

Alexander Graham Bell has completed his new aerodrome and has permitted a newspaper representative, who visited his summer home at Baddeck, near Sydney, C. B., to make an inspection of the machine.

The Cygnet, which made a successful ascent last year with the late Lieutenant Selfridge as aviator, was composed of 3,393 tetrahedrons, while the new aerodrome, constructed on practically the same lines, will have 5,000 tetrahedral cells.

In the center of the aerodrome a space about six feet square has been left open for the motor and aviator. It has not yet been decided whether the ship will be propelled with one propeller or two.

When everything is ready for the trial the machine will be placed on a platform holding two powerful racing motor boats together. The launches will run up into the outer Bras d'Or lake, and, when a speed of eighteen knots has been attained, the aerodrome will be released and is expected to soar away at the will of the man at the helm.

Dr. Bell will not hear of a trial in which there is the remotest chance of endangering a man's life and says there will be no danger.

W. F. Baldwin, chief of laboratories for Dr. Bell, says that the experimental bureau at Hammondsport, N. Y., is about to make experiments on Lake Kennebec, where an airship will be propelled by its own motors over the surface of the water to get sufficient speed to expand its wings. The machine will be attached to light canoes which will be carried by the airship as it leaves the water on its flight.

#### Gives Birth to Four Girls.

PUNICO, Mo., Dec. 14.—Four baby girls were born to the wife of Prof. Reuben F. Jones. Prof. Jones is at the head of the schools here and a school commissioner of Stoddard county. One baby died, but the others bid fair to thrive.

#### "M" Sweaters Ready Soon.

The "M" sweaters have been ordered for the football men and will be here in a few days. The sweaters are V-necked, black, with old gold "M." Sixteen will be awarded.

### SONS OF VETERANS TO INSTALL CHAPTER

Men Students, Descendants of Civil  
War Veterans Eligible.

A chapter of the society of Sons of Veterans will be installed at the University of Missouri, immediately after the Christmas holidays. More than twenty students of the University met last evening and a preliminary organization was perfected. The chapter will be officially installed by the national organizer sometime during the first of January.

In order to be eligible for membership in this organization, a person must be able to prove that either his father or grandfather fought in the Civil War. He must produce either his pension or discharge papers from the Union army. The organization is secret.



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